

in paints, coatings, and plastics around the world.

Many of the items used in everyday life get their sparkle from Silberline, as key markets for the products include automotive coatings, consumer electronics such as cell phones, plastics, and inks and industrial arts.

Silberline has always been a family owned and operated business. When founded in 1945 by Mr. Ernest Scheller Sr., Silberline consisted of a single, small factory located in Stamford, Connecticut. Today, Silberline is a global business, headquartered in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania and includes four manufacturing facilities in the United States, as well as manufacturing in Europe and Asia. It has sales, technical support, and research and development in the United States and around the world. Silberline is known as a world leader in the industry, using science and technology to create, manufacture, and supply high quality pigments that have unique aesthetics, functionality, ease of use, and environmental friendliness.

Lisa Jane Scheller, Silberline's current President and CEO, is the granddaughter of founder Ernest Scheller. Ms. Scheller grew up in Tamaqua and in 1987 she joined Silberline as Data Processing Manager. She has been leading the company since 1997. It is her vision to see Silberline continue to grow and thrive while remaining committed to its seven core values—commitments to safety, employees, customers, environment, community, and continual improvement, all while conducting business with integrity around the world.

I congratulate Silberline on their 65 years of success and wish them the best of luck for the next 65.

WHY I OPPOSED H.R. 5146, BLOCKING THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I voted today in opposition to H.R. 5146, Blocking the Cost of Living Adjustment for Congress. This legislation was introduced today, had no hearings, was not considered for a mark-up, and was brought to the floor of the House under an expedited procedure that would not allow for any amendments nor its full and complete consideration. I oppose this bill because Congress has established a fair system to regulate the pay of Members of Congress. This bill, by denying a reasonable and fair cost of living increase for Members of Congress, casts a wider chill on the respect and value that we give to all public servants.

Under Article I, Section Six of the U.S. Constitution, Congress is to determine its own pay. Historically, Congress has not frequently raised their pay. According to the Congressional Research Service, between 1789 through 1968—(179 years)—Congress raised their pay only 22 times. Stand-alone legislation was used to increase Congress' pay in 1982, 1983, 1989 and 1991, and in 1989, an auto-

matic annual adjustment was used. This automatic annual adjustment was to eliminate the need for significant boosts in the salaries of Members of Congress. The cost of living increase for Members of Congress is not to exceed the rate given for any and all other federal employees. This is a fair and equitable system.

The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 included a freeze on the salaries of Members of Congress. I supported this measure. I supported the cost of living adjustment freeze then, because the bill had been through the legislative process. I could measure the benefits of the overall bill for the people of the 13th Congressional District of Michigan and America. That is not true of H.R. 5146.

I also oppose this bill because this bill denigrates public service and the institution of Congress. Like all other public servants, Members of Congress work for the people of this country. In order to serve the people of America, Members of Congress must establish two residences and fly between Washington, DC, and our homes almost every week. Members of Congress spend hours, days and sometimes weeks away from our homes working for 600,000 or more constituents in our districts. We travel throughout the world to investigate and understand how America can make a positive difference.

I am proud of the tremendous responsibility it takes to be a public servant as a Member of Congress. I am honored and humbled by the faith that the people of the 13th Congressional District of Michigan have in my service to them. In voting against this bill, I am saying loud and clear that we should value the hard work and dedication of all of our public servants. We work hard each and every day to ensure that America is safe, strong and the best place in the world for all Americans. I value this hallowed and great institution called the U.S. House of Representatives. If we, as Members of Congress, do not stand up for ourselves, how can we stand up for the hundreds of thousands of other public servants who look to us as leaders?

I am proud to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. I am honored and proud to be a public servant. Congress established a fair and equitable way to automatically compensate the hard and difficult work of Members of Congress. I supported previous legislation denying the automatic pay raise because that bill went through regular order and contained many provisions important to the people of the 13th Congressional District and America. This bill was not considered under the regular rules of the House. This bill says that we do not value the work of America's public servants.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CHI STATE CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chi State Chapter of Delta

Kappa Gamma Society International on the occasion of holding their State Conference in Fresno, California, in 2010.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded in 1929 by Dr. Annie Webb Glanton with the overriding goal of providing guidance and inspiration to women educators in pursuing excellence in their professional lives. This service oriented group offers opportunities to enhance leadership development for women at local, regional, and international levels.

As an international honorary society of over 107,000 key women educators in 16 countries, Delta Kappa Gamma Society mentors women educators, provides mutual support and interaction in all educational fields at all levels. Delta Kappa Gamma helps women pursuing professional careers in education by offering financial aid to help them attain their graduate education.

It is truly an honor that Delta Kappa Gamma has selected Fresno, California, for their 2010 State Conference. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Chi State Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as they continue to promote excellence in education and professional growth in women educators.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD KELLY, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND JUSTICE ADVOCATE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, for as long as I can remember, Richard (Dick) Kelly was always at meetings, marches, demonstrations, political rallies and in Chicago, doing what we call door knocking or walking precincts during political campaigns. Dick was what we called a community organizer, one who spent most of their time working on issues, raising awareness, solving problems and being engaged, for the most part without pay. Richard was an idealist who never gave up on hope.

He started work in Mississippi in 1964, spent time there, returned to Chicago and Oak Park and settled into a lifetime of social activism. Richard grew up in the Beverly Community of Chicago, graduated from the St. Ignatius College Prep and got a degree in Political Science from Notre Dame University. In Mississippi he taught at Freedom Schools for black children, and being white, was arrested several times for minor infractions, e.g., jaywalking.

Richard taught in the Chicago Public Schools for twenty years, drove a taxi for another fifteen. He was active with the Chicago Teachers Union, had few material needs and spent most of his money on newspapers, magazines and books. He worked for a brief period with Governor Dan Walker's Administration as a labor liaison, was active with fair-housing activities in Oak Park and became an active member of the St. Giles Catholic Church. I extend condolences and best wishes to his wife, children, siblings, and other family members.